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**114.6 CMR 13.00: Health Safety Net Eligible Services
Health Safety Net Eligibility for Commonwealth Care Bridge Members**

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The Division of Health Care Finance and Policy has adopted the following Health Safety Net policy regarding the Commonwealth Health Insurance Connector Authority plan established by the Massachusetts Legislature in Section 31 of Chapter 65 of the Acts of 2009, otherwise known as Commonwealth Care Bridge.

Certain individuals who were enrolled in Commonwealth Care as of August 31, 2009 are now eligible for Commonwealth Care Bridge, a new program for certain special status immigrants (Aliens With Special Status - AWSS), most of whom have had legal residency status in the United States for less than five years.

The Bridge program is offered through CeliCare Health Plan of Massachusetts, and will be in effect throughout fiscal year 2010, ending on June 30, 2010. Eligible individuals are in the process of being automatically enrolled into Commonwealth Care Bridge in three phases, with the intent to enroll the entire population by December 1, 2009. While individuals are waiting to be enrolled in Commonwealth Care Bridge, providers may bill the Health Safety Net for eligible services.

For individuals enrolled in Commonwealth Care Bridge, the Health Safety Net will pay only for dental and vision services not otherwise covered by Commonwealth Care Bridge. The Health Safety Net will not pay for:

- a. Commonwealth Care Bridge co-pays, and
- b. Services received out of network except for vision and dental.